

## NEW UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Atty. Docket No.: 20563/2024

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## Enclosed herewith is a new patent application of:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Ranucci et al.

Title of Invention: Apparatus and Method for an Ultrasonic Probe Device with Rapid Attachment and Detachment Means

Type: ☐ New  
☒ Continuation of: 09/975,725  
☐ Continuation-in-Part of: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Divisional of: \_\_\_\_\_  
which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into the application filed herewith;

## and includes the following papers:

1. ☒ Specification 30 pages (including specification, claims, abstract)/33 claims (3 independent)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:  
☐ Executed ☐ Unexecuted ☒ Executed copy from Parent Application  
☐ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. ☒ 13 Distinct sheets of ☒ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449 ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference (as necessary)
7. ☐ Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet.
8. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
USA	60/225,060	August 14, 2000
USA	60/157,824	October 5, 1999

9. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
09/975,725	October 11, 2001
09/625,803	July 26, 2000

10. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 based upon the following application(s):

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- 11. ☐ Priority document(s).
- 12. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
- 13. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
  - ☐ Computer Readable Copy.
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.
- 14. ☐ Request for Non-Publication and Certification under 35 USC 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)
- 15. ☒ Statement of Small Entity Status, Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- 16. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))				\$770.00
Total Claims in <b>Excess of 20</b> (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	33	13	\$18.00	234.00
Independent Claims in <b>Excess of 3</b> (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	3	3	\$86.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	No		\$290.00	0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due				1004.00
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	MULTIPLY BY 0.50			502.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>				<b>502.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0		\$40.00	0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>				<b>\$502.00</b>

- 17. PAYMENT is:
  - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account 16-0085, Ref. 20563/2024.
  - ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
- 18. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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19. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 4, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: David J. Dykeman  
 Registration No.: 46,678

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ranucci et al.  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. New Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Patent Application (30 pages);
3. Transmittal of Formal Drawings;
4. Thirteen (13) sheets of Formal Drawings of Figs. 1-12C;
5. Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from Parent Application U.S. Serial No. 09/975,725;
6. Application Data Sheet; and
7. Return Post Card.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, Applicant claims small entity status.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 20563/2024. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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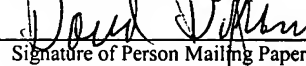
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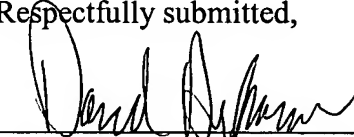
**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Enclosed please find formal drawings of Figures 1 – 12C on 13 separate sheets.

Acceptance of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

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